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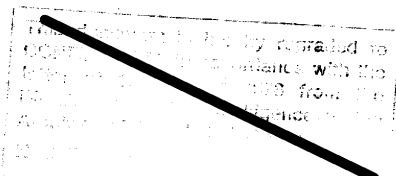
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1. During the month of January 1949 the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCO - Communist Party of Colombia) intensified its campaign to raise funds for the operation of the Party and for the publication of the Party news organ, Vanguardia del Pueblo, and is reported to have met with success.
2. Efrén Diaz, in charge of the financial campaign, reported on 13 February that a total of 1,000 pesos worth of bonds had been sold during January, while an additional amount of 400 pesos had been issued on credit.* These bonds were floated for the support of Vanguardia, which is at present being printed on the presses of El Liberal.** The money from the bonds was also used to pay the back salaries of Jaime Barrios, PCO Secretary of Organization, and Renato Arango.
3. Diaz reported that Jorge Regaeros Peralta, prominent PCO member, had sold a quantity of the bonds among the foreign merchants of Bogota, particularly among those with origins in the Soviet satellite countries.
4. The Executive Committee of the PCO feels that if the January successes can be repeated each month, the Party will be able to expand its activities during the coming year.

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